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| Department: | Fire |
| Bargaining Unit: | HFFU |
| Salary Range: | F-43 |
| Last Revision: | |

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

To respond to fire alarms, medical emergency and other calls to protect life and property; and to participate in fire prevention; training, and station and equipment maintenance activities.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Receives immediate supervision from the Fire Captain.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Responsibilities and duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Respond to fire alarms with assigned company; lay and connect hose; assist in maintenance of pumping apparatus; hold nozzles and direct water streams; raise and climb ladders.

Operate all types of portable fire extinguishers, pike poles, hand lines, smoke ejectors, salvage covers, forcible entry tools, aerial ladder equipment, and other rescue equipment.

Administer first aid; assist paramedics at medical emergencies; apply techniques for the control of bleeding; utilize immobilization techniques to stabilize patient.

Respond to hazardous materials incidents; assist in clean up of spills and in other hazardous material operations.

Participate in fire inspection activities and other fire prevention and public education activities as assigned; ensure that businesses are operating in compliance with the fire code; maintain appropriate records and files.

Participate in fire drills; attend training sessions which include firefighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.

Conduct hydrant pressure testing; clean and perform minor repair to hydrants.

Clean apparatus and equipment and perform general custodial duties at the station as required.

Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

OTHER JOB RELATED DUTIES

Perform related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Ability to:

Learn to understand and act in accordance with departmental policies, rules, and instructions in the field of firefighting.

Learn to apply firefighting techniques and procedures.

Demonstrate mechanical aptitude as required in the operation of firefighting equipment.

Demonstrate physical aptitude.

Learn the layout of the City's water main system and street numbering system.

Retain presence of mind in emergency situations.

Think and act quickly and effectively in emergencies.

Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.

Perform heavy lifting and physical maneuvering.

Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Experience and Training Guidelines

Any combination equivalent to experience and training that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities would be:

Experience:

No experience required.

Training:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade. Additional specialized training in fire science or related field is desirable.

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License or Certificate:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid California driver's license.

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid Emergency Medical Technician Certificate is desirable.

Possession of an appropriate, valid California Firefighter certificate is desirable.